

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly enter the following amendments to the specification:

Please replace the last full paragraph on page 8 of the specification with the following paragraph, which has been marked up to show the amendments thereto:

-- Optionally, in accordance with exemplary embodiment such as those shown in Figure 3, the interstitial regions 90- created between respective segments 70 may be filled with a filler material [[100]] , such as plastic, fabric, metal or the like (not shown), or alternatively may be left open. In the alternative, however, by leaving regions 90 open, access to the structure supported may be maintained --

Please add the following paragraph under "Brief Description of Drawing Figures" after paragraph 10 on page 5 of the specification:

Fig. 10 is a side view of an exemplary embodiment of the present invention having a dual recess configuration.

Applicants submit that the amendments to the specification presented herein are fully supported by the current specification, and therefore do not contain any new matter.